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STUDENTS ENTER SCHOOL OF NURSING — 68th SENIOR CLASS GRADUATES

Commencement Exercises at John Hancock Hall.

Incoming students attending a welcoming tea. Left to right: Miss Anne Howard, Admissions Counselor, Mrs. James Walker with daughter, Regenia, Miss Barbara Bonin and Miss Carol Horton.

At a welcoming tea in the Harris Hall living room on October 8th fifty-two freshman faces beamed with an excitement and expectancy that almost matched the atmosphere at commencement four days later when the seniors were graduated. The incoming class attends graduation ceremonies to witness the deserved recognition that three years of study and experience brings and to gain inspiration from the appropriate words of distinguished speakers.

The 68th graduating class was privileged to have Robert Higgins Ebert, M. D., Dean of the Harvard Medical School, deliver the address on Monday evening, September 12 at John Hancock Hall.

Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director, presided over the cere-

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ROBERT HIGGINS EBERT, M.D.
Guest Speaker at Commencement.

FRIENDS OF DEACONESS HELP BUILDING FUND WITH PROCEEDS FROM BERNSTEIN CONCERT

The Friends first attempt towards raising their apportionment of $250,000 for the Hospital Building Fund deserves applause. Proceeds from the Bernstein Concert totaled $4,900 of which $1,309.39 were donations. Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic providede such distinguished entertainment as to produce standing ovations. The financial figures can speak for themselves.

In the absence of Mrs. Lauriston Ward, Jr., now vacationing in Europe, Miss Dorothy B. Seccomb, Co-Chairman of the Concert Committee, gave a follow-up report to the Friends. She thanked Mrs. David P. Boyd's Ways and Means Committee including Mrs. C. Cabell Bailey, Mrs. John Hill, Mrs. Allen P. Joslin, Mrs. Halfdan Lee, Mrs. James T.Mountz, Mrs. John H. Nichols, Jr., Mrs. Richard S. Paige, Mrs. George I. Rohrbough and Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell, who "worked long, hard hours compiling a mailing list, which can continue to be of value to the Hospital."

She said, "Mrs. Paige and Mrs. Nichols opened their homes day after day for the cross-checking of lists, addressing, stamping and sealing invitations. And special mention goes to Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Joslin, who were solely responsible for the distribution of tickets—a tremendous job in any man's language!"

Miss Seccomb rejoiced that "everybody survived the vicissitudes of summer ticket selling, happy in the support of the Deaconess . . . in an all out effort to provide bricks and mortar for six more floors on Central Building."

PULSE CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY TWENTY YEARS OLD THIS MONTH

With a new banner head and a larger size, PULSE celebrates its twentieth birthday, marking the third stage of its growth. From the first issues, which were nine by six inches, to an eight and a half by eleven page size in 1950, we have jumped to an eleven by fourteen inch page. For a birthday present we thought it might be fun to print some excerpts from the first PULSE issue. Many of the names mentioned twenty years ago are still familiar. News was reported according to departments.

News From 1946

Laboratories — Pathology is under the spell of that magic number "three". Three familiar faces bring us back to normal: 1) Released from the Navy two months ago brought Dr. William A. Meissner (now Pathologist-in-Chief) back as Assistant Pathologist. It seemed like old times to have him with us again. 2) Presuming to call the Radium Department part of Pathology, we want everyone to know that Mr. Russell F. Cowing (now Associate Director of the Cancer Research Institute), returned from his assignment on the A-bomb test at Bikini to find a hearty welcome from us all. He traveled many miles but didn't change at all. 3) To complete it all, we most proudly announce that Dr. Shields Warren (now Director, Cancer Research Institute) belongs to the Hospital again, having been discharged from the Navy very recently. If he can stay in one place more than a minute, you may catch a glimpse of him; otherwise any unexplained breeze is sure to be the Pathologist on his way to some important business. His work on the effects of the Atom Bomb have been and will be much published.

Staff — Dr. E. P. Joslin and Dr. Priscilla White were principal speakers at the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the American Diabetic Association in Toronto last month. Dr. Alexander Marble and Mrs. Leech also appeared in the program, demonstrating the laboratory and experimental work. Dr. White's amazing success with diabetic pregnancies astounded the medical world. Dr. Carl Ernlund plans to fly to Sweden on October 10th for a week's stay combining business and pleasure.

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PROFILE . . .

MISS ANNE HOWARD
selects slides for her tour.

Miss Anne Howard left her desk at Personnel several weeks ago and now she has left the Hospital . . . to go touring. She will travel throughout New England visiting as many secondary schools as possible to stimulate a further interest in Deaconess' School of Nursing. With an ample supply of catalogues, selected slides and brochures she will participate in assemblies, career days and other guidance programs. Already she is booked through April with about 94 schools scheduled before December 15.

Miss Howard came to Deaconess in 1957 as an employment supervisor, was named the Assistant Personnel Director in 1963 and changed to her new position as Admissions Counselor in the School of Nursing this September. She received a Bachelor of Arts from Bryn Mawr and a Masters in Education in the field of personnel and guidance from Boston University.

He trip started on October 1 with an appropriate stop at the New England Personnel and Guidance Conference in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire; and then she headed for Maine. Her plans call for her to go back to New Hampshire and on to Vermont. After Christmas she will visit Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the Connecticut schools.

Recalling when traveling used to be just for vacations, she says now she expects to be away from her Beacon Hill apartment as a matter of course. Although enthusiastic about her new role, she fears her activity with the Big Sister Association will be a bit hindered. Ten years ago she was the 25th Big Sister to be matched and she has had three little sisters since then. A member of their Board of Directors, she says there are now 225 active Big Sisters with about 65 or 70 girls waiting to be matched. Although she has given many spare evenings to Big Sisters, last year she was able to spend one night a week at Columbia Point teaching adult illiterates to read and she always has time for the theater and hiking.

HOBBY . . .

MR. EVERETT N. NICKERSON

Most people throw away their old frozen orange juice cans, but not Everett N. Nickerson, Maintenance. He fills the empties with cement and used them for cannon ammunition. His unusual hobby is shooting Revolutionary War rifles and cannons in competition.

A member of the Danvers Fish and Game Club, Mr. Nickerson belongs to the Wonalancet Wanderers, a group which competes with other clubs including the Green Mountain Boys from Vermont and the Fort Ticonderoga Association in New York State. Dress is Revolutionary or Civil War garb with emphasis on the hat. Most have the three-cornered hats and a poncho style shirt with rawhide laces.

Four men are needed to handle firing a cannon. Mr. Nickerson usually takes care of the charges and powder, another man sights the target, a third loads the ammunition and a fourth is responsible for "thumbing", a rather strange term referring to the necessity of plugging the small aperature located at the rear of the cannon in order to maintain pressure in the barrel during loading.

Part of the excitement of the meets comes with the unique historical atmosphere. All of a sudden several hundred years seem to be erased with everyone camping in the wilderness and cooking over an open fire. In the evening an old-fashioned barn dance provides an occasion for a guitar or harmonica and everyone enjoys a mood from the past.

PAST PRESIDENT OF HOSPITAL HOWARD D. BREWER, DIES

MR. HOWARD D. BREWER

Decisions that affect the entire corporation, hours apart from home and family, the experience of years and education and much more is expected from a president of a hospital. The president of Deaconess Hospital offers his time and service above meeting the requirements of his own business. Mr. Howard D. Brewer, president and treasurer of Brewer and Company, served as president of Deaconess Hospital from 1931-1947, vice president from 1947 until death, and as a member of the Board of Trustees.

When Mr. Brewer died last month, Deaconess lost a long and devoted friend. The concern he felt for this hospital was evident in a message he wrote to employees in the first issue of Pulse. "The Deaconess Hospital, in my opinion, is the greatest hospital on earth. I love it and will do anything for it. I am, therefore, interested in any movement for its benefits and in those working to promote its interests."

Mr. Brewer was graduated from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in 1904. He founded Brewer and Company, Inc. of Worcester, manufacturers and distributors of drugs and pharmaceuticals; and he served the community extensively.

He was a trustee of his alma mater, of Wilbraham Academy and Boston University. He was a member of the Board of the Boston Wesleyan Association, the Chemists Club of New York City and the Duxbury Yacht Club.

Honorary president of the Worcester Youth Guidance Center, he was a member of the Wesley Methodist Church in Worcester and president of their Board for 40 years.

He leaves a son, Edwin A. Brewer of Shrewsbury, who is a member of the Deaconess Corporation.

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monies and Dr. Francis M. Woods, Staff Surgeon, extended the greetings.

Dean Ebert discussed "Nursing in the Mid-Sixties" accenting the timely problems of "rising costs, fewer professionals and the public view that hospital care is too often impersonal." He questioned the nurse's future role and hoped that by the use of modern technology, "we could streamline a great many of the tasks which we perform which do not directly affect the patient's psychological welfare."

Miss Ellen D. Howland, R.N., Director of Nursing, discussed the theme of time and a good life. She chose the qualities of aspiration, discrimination, imagination and enthusiasm as essential ingredients for a good life and accented that the nursing profession could support all of these. "I firmly believe that a nurse by the very nature of her motivation and professional training has a unique opportunity to deal with the fundamentals of life; her approach and success will be based upon the kind of person she is and upon what goes into the use of her time," she said.

Mr. Laurens MacLure, President of the Corporation, presented the diplomas and Miss Howland gave the awards. Mrs. Margaret Dorion Baum received the Alumnae Association Award. Graduated with honorable mention were the following: Mrs. Baum, Miss Shirley Cole, Miss Donna DeStefano, Miss Jane Fox, Mrs. Lorraine Brown Kane, Miss Rosalie Kovar, Mrs. Toni Salvatore Macdonald, Miss Shirley Overstreet and Miss Pamela Wingo.

EMPLOYEES — Watch For:

Bernard W. Ward, 47, of Lynn, complains he is suffering from a coronary and mimics the symptoms. He insists he is allergic to demeral and wants morphine.

Roger Redding, of West Roxbury, claims he suffered a back injury while working for the City of Boston. He is 45, 5'8", medium build, has dark complexion and dark brown hair and speaks with a brogue.

A known drug addict, Edward E. Leacock or Edward E. Haywood, of Rockland, Me., complains of coronary symptoms. He is 5'10", weighs about 200, and has body scars, as from burns.

SERVICE COORDINATION DEPARTMENT REPORTS PROGRESS

Unit Coordinators Perform Managerial Functions—Nurses Have More Time For Patients

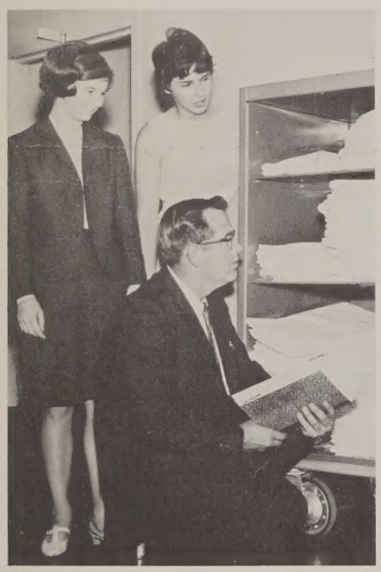
(Ed. Note) With our enlarged PULSE we are adding a special feature and will report on a "Division of a Department" every month. We are starting with the unit coordinators because they are our newest group of employees.

An axiom at the New England Deaconess Hospital has always been that patient care should come first, and all of us work ultimately for that end. But by some ironical quirk the nurse—who is professionally trained to help the patient directly—often lacks time to be with the patient as much as she would like. She has been swamped with the administrative and managerial tasks necessary for an efficiently run nursing unit. She has even been responsible for such extra curricular duties as inspecting the fire equipment. Nurses, ideally, should be free for time with patients and head nurses should have time to accompany doctors during morning rounds, to attend staff conferences and to teach the student nurses. In order to utilize the professional services of the nurse at a time when there is an ever-increasing shortage, the position of unit coordinator developed.

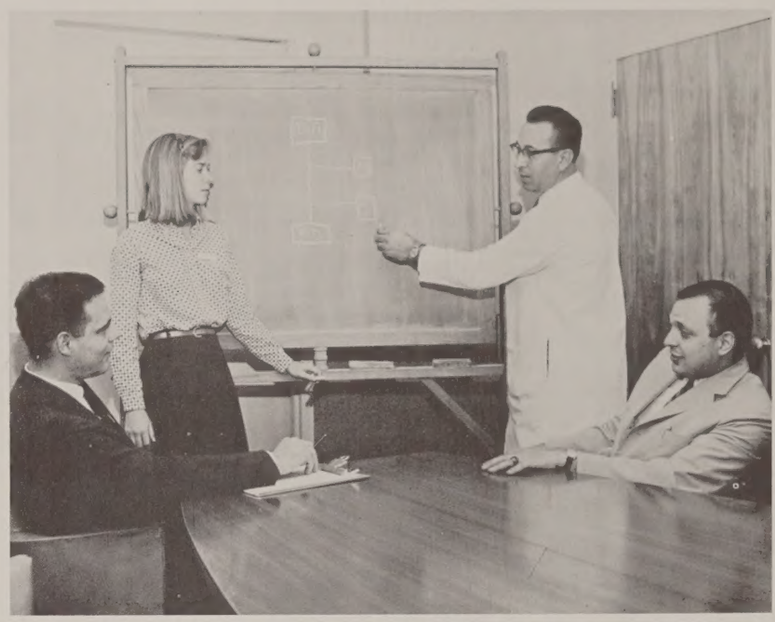
The unit coordinator at Deaconess is responsible for most of the non-nursing activities on her floor. She works in conjunction with the supervisors of service departments, such as pharmacy, central supply, laundry, maintenance and housekeeping to effectively coordinate their services.

She routinely maintains proper quotas of all floor supplies, including linens and non-stock drugs. Her long list of duties includes handling non-nursing admission and discharge procedures, preparing the daily diet sheet, assisting a nurse with the narcotic count and supervising Medicare certification. Her position constantly demands trying to improve service efficiency in order to lessen the burden on nurses. With the transfer of the hostesses from Nursing Service to the Service Coordination Department, unit coordinators will also supervise the training of new hostesses and assume their duties in case of absence.

Mr. Hubert D. Sycamore, Administrative Assistant, who with Miss Lois M. Preston, R.N., Associate Director of Nursing Service, has developed our unit coordinator program, reports that four new coordinators are contemplated for Deaconess and Central nursing units. Credit for aiding the growth of the program also goes to Miss Florence A. McCarthy, R.N., Nursing Supervisor, Palmer Building, and Mr. Peter Campisano, Service Coordinator, who have worked closely with Mr. Sycamore and Miss Preston. Miss McCarthy is more than pleased with the way the unit coordinators have worked out in Palmer and feels the system is definitely worth expanding. "Our head nurses gradually have become accustomed to the unit coordinators' responsibility for non-nursing functions and have come to rely on them," she said. "The girls are pleasant to work with and have relieved us of countless tasks."



Miss Jody Elder and Miss Laurine Collins, Coordinators, listen while Mr. Roger G. Peterson, Laundry Manager, explains an idea he has for improving laundry service to the floors.



Mrs. Sharon Brondos, Coordinator, is working with Mr. Phillip P. Pacella, Assistant Chief Pharmacist (standing), Mr. Hubert D. Sycamore, Administrative Assistant (seated left), and Mr. Peter Campisano, Service Coordinator (right) in order to develop a more efficient way to dispatch discharge medication.

We thought you might like to meet these girls, who provide a right arm for nursing.

Mrs. Donna L. Smiar on Palmer 4, was originally from Cleveland. She received her B.A. in art and humanities from Michigan State University, did marketing research for Procter and Gamble and then toured Europe. Married to Brian G. Smiar, a physics and advanced electronics teacher at Winthrop High School, she lives in Beachmont; and is taking an art extension course at Harvard.

Miss Laurine T. Collins on Palmer 3, was originally from Milton. She received her B.A. from Hood College in a split major of psychology, sociology and art. After a summer of volunteer work with the Hualapai Indians in Arizona, she attended the Muesum of Fine Arts School. She does volunteer art therapy work at Boston State Hospital and her hobbies include ceramics, sewing and travel (especially in the southwest U.S.).

Miss Jody B. Elder on Deaconess 2, was originally from Auburn, New York. She received her B.A. in sociology from Elmira College, was a summer case worker intern for the Social Welfare Department in Syracuse and did sociological research for the Job Corps. Living in Cambridge, she is taking an extension course in psychology at Harvard.

Mrs. Sharon H. Brondos on Palmer 5, has a B.A. from the University of North Carolina and an M.A. in Asian history from Wake Forest College. She was married last may to Gregory A. Brondos, a resident in Pathology here, and they live on Autumn Street. Her interest in hospital management stems from her father, who is the Associate Dean and Director of Clinics at Bowman Gray Medical School. She also enjoys knitting.

Miss Kathryn A. Schnabel on Deaconess 4 North, was originally from Dayton. She has a B.A. in sociology from Ohio University, was a child welfare case worker intern for one semester and worked in Ocean City, New Jersey last summer. She came to Boston as a secretary at the Museum of Fine Arts and enjoys travel, art and knitting.

Miss Jane B. Hood, in training, originally from Winchester, was selected for the Experiment in International Living while still in high school. Her country was Switzerland and she has been back there twice. She has her B.A. in psychology from Hood College, did nurse's aide work summers at Children's Hospital and enjoys most crafts and sports.

Miss Ethel L. Highsmith, Assistant Head Nurse, and Mrs. Donna Smiar, Coordinator, do the narcotic count on Palmer 4.

Memorials Given For Chaplain Samuelson

At a dedication ceremony in the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel conducted by Chaplain Ralph A. Curtis, Mrs. Rudolph L. Samuelson presented a Prie-Dieu in memory of her late husband, Chaplain Rudolph L. Samuelson. It was inscribed with the following words:

In Memoriam
Chaplain Rudolph L. Samuelson
New England Deaconess Hospital
1950 - 1966
Given by his wife,
Relatives and friends.

Mr. R. D. Lowry, Executive Director, accepted the kneeler for the Hospital, and The Reverend John Barclay, of the Morgan Memorial Church, gave the benediction.

A brass organ light was given at a later date by Mrs. Lucy M. Stein and Mrs. Lucy S. Cushman of Kingston, Massachusetts in memory of Mr. Adam Stein, Jr., and Chaplain Samuelson.

Vacation Tally

Where did you go for your vacation this year? Our list of Deaconess people on the move is growing and we would like to include your name and itinerary in a special feature next month. Black and white glossy pictures are welcomed. Please call Public Relations.

DOCTORS' DOINGS

Dr. Herbert D. Adams, Director of the Lahey Clinic Division and Vice-President of the Medical Administrative Board, is on a lecture tour covering Honolulu, the Far East, Australia and New Zealand for the Pan-Pacific Surgical Association Tenth Congress and Second Mobile Educational Seminar. He will return November 1.

Dr. David P. Boyd, Surgeon, Active Staff, attended the inauguration of the new president of MIT on October 7 and of Brown University on October 15, as the official delegate from McGill University. He and Dr. Albert L. Sheffer, Physician, Associate Staff, presented a paper on "Intrathoracic Complications of Subphrenic Infections" for the Eastern Section of the American Thoracic Society at Saranac Lake, October 8.

Dr. Bentley P. Colcock, Surgeon, Active Staff, lectured on "Elective Surgery for Diverticulitis" to the Interstate Post Graduate Medical Association in Washington on October 17, and was included in "World Who's Who in Science."

Dr. Leo P. Krall, Physician, Active Staff, spoke on "Health Problems and Medical Education in Present Day Cuba" at the American Association of Medical Colleges in San Francisco on October 22.

Dr. Keith Merrill, Jr., Surgeon, Associate Staff, attended the International Cancer Congress in Japan this month.

Dr. John W. Norcross, Physician, Active Staff, lectured on "The Treatment of Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia" for the American Academy of General Practice on October 11 at the War Memorial Auditorium.

Dr. John R. Ross, Physician, Active Staff, is on an international tour, which includes lecturing at the University of Phillipines and attending the International Congress of Gastroenterology in Madrid.

Dr. Robert D. Sullivan, Physician, Active Staff, is presenting the exhibit, "Chemotherapy of Liver Cancer by Protracted Ambulatory Infusion," in Tokyo at the International Cancer Congress, October 23-29.

Dr. Elton Watkins, Jr., Surgeon, Active Staff, will lecture to local Medical Societies in the Far East, Israel, Greece and Italy as well as at the Ninth International Congress in Tokyo.

PULSE CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

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Training School – Forty-two new students entered our School on September 5th. They were welcomed at a Tea held in Harris Hall and are now well started in their classes at Simmons.

Volunteers – Summer has come and gone but the need for Volunteers continues (true this year as well). During the Summer a few faithful souls carried us along as Aides and Gray Ladies. The Women's Corps and the Friends of the Deaconess have continued their meetings to make Surgical Dressings. Most of these Volunteers have been with us for several years and are still interested to continue their work.

X-Ray – Dr. Marks has returned from a trip to the Middle West, where he visited hospitals in many of the larger cities.

Rather unbelievable that all this happened only twenty-years ago.

NOTICE

The Friends of the Deaconess have invited Dr. Frederick Stare, the Head of Nutrition at Harvard University, to speak at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 15 in Joslin Auditorium. Guests are welcome.

There will be a brief business meeting before the lecture at 2:15.

Corridor and Nursing Station Renovation Completed On Palmer Three and Five

Miss Helen M. McInerney, Hostess, at her desk in corridor before renovation on Palmer 3. Notice how the door used to open into the corridor, blocking her view.

Left to right: Miss Gwenith E. Sandberg, Assistant Head Nurse, Miss Sandra L. Nordstrom, Staff Nurse, and Miss Diane Doulas, LPN, at the nursing station before renovation on Palmer 5.

That a picture is worth a thousand word, may be a rather trite expression, but in this instance it is certainly accurate. The "before" pictures of the nurses' station on Palmer 5 and the corridor on Palmer 3 show faults that were corrected in the recent renovation on both floors. Notice in the "after" picture on Palmer 3, which is similar to the new Palmer 5, that the ceiling has been lowered, the lighting system improved, and the nurses' station enlarged to include the hostess' desk, which used to be in the corridor. The nurses' station now combines an area for the Unit Coordinator, the Hostess and the Head Nurse (she has an office behind the glass at the right). There is an efficient arrangement for patient charts, allowing greater access than previously, and several new areas for staff consultations.

Miss Laurine Collins, Coordinator, at the new nursing station after renovation on Palmer 3.

New Library Books

Non-Fiction

The Hunt for the Whooping Crane
—J. J. McCoy
On Aggression
—Konrad Lorenz

Fiction

Greenstone
—Sylvia Ashton-Warner
How Far To Bethlehem?
—Norah Lofts
The Ninety and Nine
—William Brinkley
Sarkhan
—William J. Lederer and Eugene Burdick
Those Who Love
—Irving Stone

Mystery

Saturday the Rabbi Went Hungry
—Harry Kemelman
Who Is Lewis Pinder?
—L. P. Davies

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL BOWLING LEAGUE

DIVISION A

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
5—Gillis	7498	26
3—Halligan	7493	26
1—Schraub	7313	26
2—Colleran	7354	20
4—Duffy	7159	10

High Singles	
C. Shraub	114
L. Gillis	94

High Singles for Year	
R. Peterson	130
D. Nichols	104

High Three-String for Year	
C. Shraub	323
L. Gillis	276

High Averages for Year	
C. Shraub	102
S. Tillinghast	90

DIVISION B

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
11—Culczynski	7570	24
6—Marotta	7312	22
10—Lee	7474	20
8—Hennessey	7387	18
9—Peterson	7302	16
7—Laffey	7266	14

High Singles	
E. Esch	114
G. Graham	109

High Singles for Year	
Y. Yergation	123
M. Hennessey	119
D. Gaudreau	119

High Three-String for Year	
Y. Yergation	321
M. Hennessey	306

High Averages for Year	
Y. Yergation	107
W. Holthan	95

DIVISION C

Team No.	Pinfall to date Incl. Handicap	Pts.
14—Foley	7600	34
15—Cooke	7391	22
13—Weeden	7377	21
16—Holleran	7192	14
12—Shapiro	7136	7

High Singles	
J. Barr	106
S. Nordstrom	109

High Singles for Year	
J. Barr	132
S. Nordstrom	109

High Three-String for Year	
J. Barr	334
S. Nordstrom	281

High Averages for Year	
J. Barr	106
S. Nordstrom	88